

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF**  
**HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. PG: 74A-25

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common **Enterprise Road Property**

**2. Location**

street & number **Enterprise Road (Now on Shadowbrook Lane)** ☐ not for publication

city, town **Woodmore** ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state **Maryland** county **Prince George's County**

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> In process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name **Winchester Maryland Development Company**

street & number **6305 Ivy Lane** telephone no.:

city, town **Greenbelt** state and zip code **Maryland 20770**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **Prince George's County Courthouse** liber **6576**

street & number folio **695**

city, town **Upper Marlboro** state **Maryland**

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Summary Description

Situated at the end of a private lane running east from Enterprise Road, south of its intersection with Woodmore Road, this site consists of two major components: a small tenant house, constructed ca. 1880 and devoid of any formal stylistic affiliation, and an early to mid-twentieth century tobacco barn. Architecturally, both the main dwelling and the tobacco barn, in poor condition and considerably altered through additions, deletions, and deterioration, are mundane examples of vernacular residential and agricultural architecture that yield few significant insights into design or construction practices of the periods to which they belong.

### Architectural Analysis

In form, the tenant house is a wood frame, two-story detached dwelling, two bays wide, with a pent roof turned down in the front to form a false mansard. The building sits atop a foundation of brick piers with concrete block and panel infill. The greater portion of the building is sheathed in German siding, with patches of weatherboard appearing at random places. The roof is covered in an amalgam of standing-seam and corrugated metal sheeting. A cinderblock flue stack, apparently replacing an earlier brick chimney, rises from near-center of the pent roof.

The front elevation of the main block of the dwelling, oriented west, features a shed roof porch running across the first or ground story; the porch is supported by plain four-by-four posts. The main entrance occupies the right front bay, and is flanked to the left by a two-over-two double hung sash window. Extending from the false mansard that forms the second story of the front elevation are two dormers, holding two-over-two double hung sash windows, topped by broken pediments. On the southern wall of the main block, a six-over-two double hung sash window occupies the left bay of the first story; smaller two-over-two double hung sash windows occupy each bay of the second story. The northern wall features a corresponding pattern of window placement.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Statement of Significance

The Enterprise Road property, architecturally undistinguished, of common form, is historically associated primarily with local tobacco and general farming operations of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. No events of significance to the broad patterns of county, state, or national history are associated with the property; the succession of owners, from Truman Slingluff in the 1880s through the Shatensteins in the twentieth century, can be characterized only as area farmers with negligible impact upon the agricultural history of Southern Maryland.

### Historical Background

The land on which the Enterprise Road tenant house and tobacco barn sit originally formed part of the larger estate of Fielder Cross, a late 18th century tobacco planter in the Woodmore area whose main residence, known as "Locust Grove," was situated about a mile north of the subject property along Enterprise Road. No dwelling is known to have existed on this portion of the Cross estate prior to the last quarter of the nineteenth century, as indicated by the 1861 Martenhet Map of Prince George's County.

In 1874, Fielder Cross's estate descended to his great-grandson, Truman Cross Slingluff. At that time, it consisted of the home farm and dwelling plantation, called "Locust Grove"; a tract called "Grange," or "La Grange"; and the subject property, a tract called the Grange Farm, consisting of 190.76 acres of

(See Continuation Sheet 8.1)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Land Records  
Prince George's County Equity Records

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 327.76 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

A roughly rectangular tract of 327.76 acres occupying the southeast corner of the intersection of Enterprise and Woodmore Roads, with the longer frontage along Woodmore Road.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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ENTERPRISE ROAD PROPERTY, Prince George's County  
Continuation Sheet 7.1  
DESCRIPTION -- Architectural Analysis

A one-story ell, two-bays long and one bay wide, extends from the southeast corner of the main block; to the rear of the building, a shed-roof addition extends westerly, open in the middle to form a breezeway, with the northern portion covered in board and batten, the southern section covered in a combination of german siding and horizontal weatherboard.

The interior floor plan of the main block exhibits three rooms down, two rooms up, with an additional ground floor room provided in the rear ell. Entrance is made into a single front parlor, with the rear of the main block divided into a kitchen in the northern section and a dining room in the southern section, which connects with the ell addition. A boxed staircase rises from the southeast corner of the dining room. Little of the original interior wall and floor materials remain visible, having been sufficiently covered over with modern plywood paneling, linoleum tile and carpeting. Although wired for electricity, the house has no indoor plumbing; water is supplied by a hand pump and well situated in the rear yard.

Located some two hundred feet southeast of the main dwelling is a large tobacco barn, six bays long and three bays wide, with a two-bay wide shed roof addition running the length of the eastern wall. The building is clad in vertical planking; the roof is corrugated metal sheeting. A series of twelve hinged ventilators, vertical in orientation, appear at regular intervals along the western wall of the barn. The southern wall features three hinged double wagon doors; the eastern wall features two sliding track doors, with two hinged ventilator planks set in between.

The interior of the barn is framed to accommodate four levels of curing racks, all machine-sawed and nailed together. The superstructure itself rests on poured concrete piers.

The building sits open, unused, and in poor condition.

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Continuation Sheet 8.1  
SIGNIFANCE -- Historical Background

land "beginning at a gate on the public road from Bladensburg to Queen Anne."<sup>1</sup> Slingluff, formerly a Baltimore resident who served briefly during the Civil War as a private with the Confederate Maryland 1st Cavalry, apparently took up residence on his Prince George's land shortly thereafter.<sup>2</sup>

Around 1880, he replaced the older manor house on his great-grandfather's Locust Grove property with a large wood frame dwelling, distinguished by its prominent dormers, projecting bays, and Gothic Revival detail.<sup>3</sup> At about the same time, he is believed to have constructed the subject dwelling, possibly for use as a tenant property.

Like most of his neighbors, Slingluff's agricultural pursuits were centered around tobacco, a crop which, by and large, dominated county agriculture from the early eighteenth century through the mid-twentieth century. By the last quarter of the nineteenth century, however, the volatile nature of the overseas tobacco market, coupled with a series of unfavorable seasons and the general deterioration of tobacco lands, brought a severe decline in both production and market value; between 1879 and 1889, total acreage of tobacco lands in Prince George's County dropped by over 44 %, from 9,637 to 5,322, while the average pound per acre fell by nearly 80 %, from 682 to 603.<sup>4</sup>

By 1888, Slingluff, plagued by declining tobacco prices, strapped with mounting debts and unable to satisfy anxious creditors, turned his properties over to the control of his two sons, Fielder and Frank. Gradually, the sons began selling various parcels in an attempt to save the entire estate from dissolution. By 1905, however, faced with still unresolved debts and unable to pay the taxes on the apparently unproductive Grange Farm -- assessed in 1904 at \$2,685 for the land and \$350 for the improvements, indicating insubstantial buildings -- the subject property went up for public auction, with James Jenkins, an area

(See Continuation Sheet 8.2)

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<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Equity Records, No. 2889, December 19, 1903.

<sup>2</sup> Toaping Castle Chapter, D.A.R., Prince George's County Tombstone Records (n.d.), p. 194.

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Historic Sites Inventory No. 74A-2.

<sup>4</sup> Johns Hopkins University, et. al., Maryland, It's Resources, Industries and Institutions, Prepared for the Board of World's Fair Managers of Maryland (Baltimore, 1893), p. 171.

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SIGNIFICANCE -- Historical Background

farmer, purchasing the 190 acre Grange Farm for \$6,000.<sup>6</sup> Jenkins, it is believed, constructed the second house on the property, situated at what later became Clearview Dairy, sometime around 1905, leaving the subject dwelling to continued tenant use.

Following a succession of absentee owners, the property was purchased in 1919 by David and Albert Shatenstein, area farmers and store proprietors. During the greater part of the their ownership, the dwelling on the Enterprise Road property was occupied by tenants involved in either the Shatenstein's or their own separate tobacco and general farming operations.<sup>6</sup>

Despite the vicissitudes of the market, tobacco remained the mainstay of Prince George's agriculture through the first half of the twentieth century; in fact, by 1959, by acreage and by value, tobacco still ranked first among farm products in Prince George's, while the county ranked first in the state in acreage planted in tobacco.<sup>7</sup> The Shatensteins continued the tobacco orientation of the Enterprise property, while supplementing their agricultural pursuits with cattle grazing and small scale dairying at the adjacent Clearview Dairy complex.<sup>8</sup>

The property passed out of the Shatenstein family ownership in 1976.

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<sup>6</sup> Prince George's County Equity Records, No. 2889, December 19, 1903.

<sup>6</sup> Prince George's County Land Records, L. 151, f. 137, October 30, 1919; personal interview, Kopel Shatenstein, June 1991.

<sup>7</sup> USDA Soil Conservation Service, Soil Survey of Prince George's County, Maryland (Washington: GPO, 1967), p. 5.

<sup>8</sup> Personal interview, Kopel Shatenstein, June 1991.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

2. Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance AD. 1870-1930
12. Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

1. Agriculture

Resource Type:

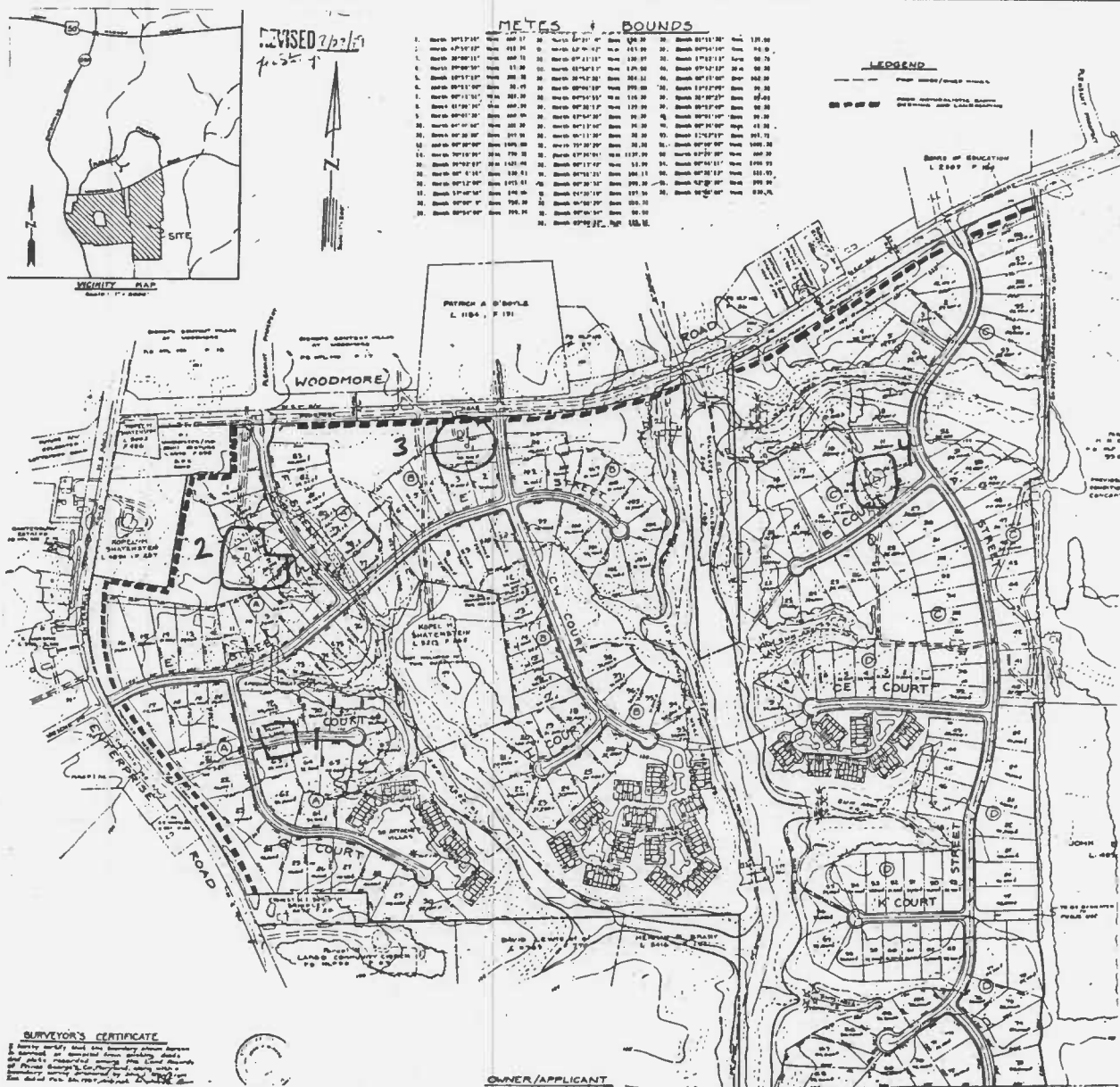
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural/Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Dwelling, Agricultural

Known Design Source: None





Preliminary Subdivision Plan, with subject sites outlined:

1. Enterprise Road Property
2. Clearview Dairy
3. Site of Woodmore Store (no longer standing)
4. Moreland Property

# Woodmore South Property

20720

20721







**SW Elevation, Main Dwelling**

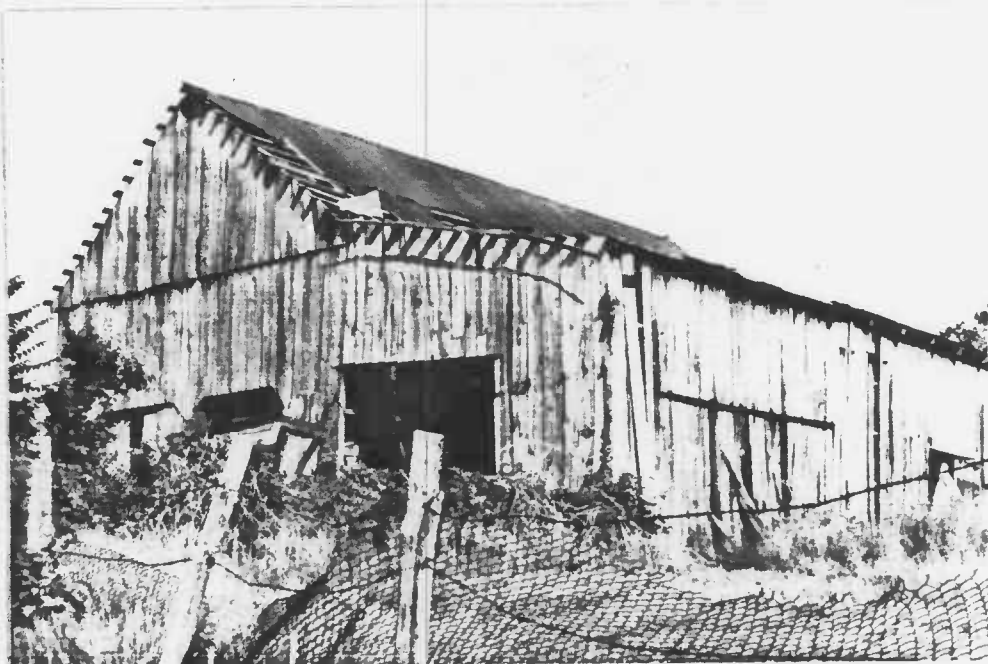


**E Elevation, Main Dwelling**

## **Enterprise Road Property Resources**

June 1981





**SE Elevation, Tobacco Barn**



**W Elevation, Tobacco Barn**

## **Enterprise Road Property Resources**

June 1991